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**Connecticut  
At a Glance**

Hispanic Population

**479,087**

Hispanics as Percent  
of State Population

**13.4%**

Median Age of Hispanics

**28**

Median Income, Hispanics 16+

**\$21,600**

Poverty Rate,  
Hispanics 17 and Younger

**31%**

Hispanics Without  
Health Insurance

**22%**

Hispanic Homeownership

**36%**

Hispanics as Percent of  
All K-12 Students

**17%**

Source: Pew Hispanic Center - 2009 Data

December 30, 2011

The Honorable Toni N. Harp & Toni Walker  
Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Appropriations  
Legislative Office Building  
300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Sen. Harp & Rep. Walker:

We are delighted to submit the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission's (LPRAC) 2011 Report Card/Annual Report as guided by Results Based Accountability (RBA) guidelines and mandated by Section 2-120 and Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS).

The LPRAC staff sent a draft of the report for review to Mr. Ron W. Schack of the Charter Oak Group, LLC. and have incorporated the recommendations he made to this final report. For the record, the LPRAC already maintains current information regarding the Latino and Puerto Rican population of the state as mandated by the CGS. We are submitting with this letter a sample of the data to be in compliance with letter (c) number (5) of Section 2-120 of the CGS. This data is also available at our agency website and is already available to legislators and other interested parties upon request.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me at (860) 240-0097 or via email at [werner.oyanadel@cga.ct.gov](mailto:werner.oyanadel@cga.ct.gov).

Sincerely,

*Werner Oyanadel*

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## 2011 Program Report Card: Annual Scholarship Awards - Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission

*Quality of Life Result:* Ensure that Hispanic youth in the State of Connecticut have access to added opportunities to obtain scholarships that will allow them to attend institutions of higher learning upon high school graduation and beyond.

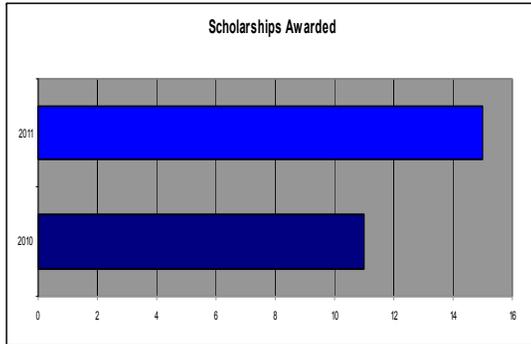
*Contribution to the Result:* The Special Projects Division along with the Special Projects Committee work monthly to track, modify and update necessary tasks to accomplish our fundraising goals in support of the Scholarship Awards program. Commissioners make themselves available to participate in everything from reviewing forms for use by applicants to reviewing applications and recommending awardees for recognition to the full board.

Program Expenditures	State Funding	Federal Funding	Other Funding	Total Funding
Actual FY 11	\$289,861.04	0	\$38,260.00	\$328,121.04
Estimated FY 12*	\$332,427.00	0	**\$75,000.00	\$407,427.00

*Partners:* Verizon Wireless, Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, Northeast Utilities, Central CT State University Foundation, Eastern Connecticut State University, SINA, Connecticut Congress of Community Colleges, First Niagara Bank; Commission on Health Equity, Dept of Public Health, CT Children's Medical Center, State Department of Education, Charter Oak Group, Appropriations Committee. **\*Targeting 20 students @ \$3750 each for 2012.**

### How Much Did We Do?

Number of youth awarded Scholarships in FY 2010-11 versus FY 2011-12.



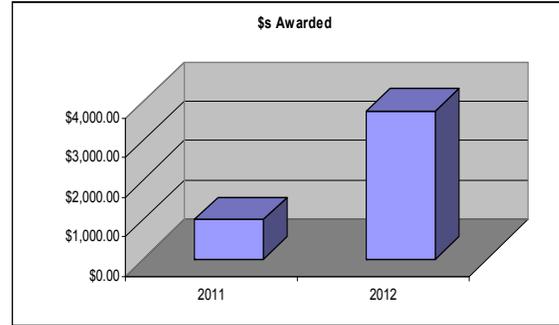
#### Story behind the baseline:

The agency was able to achieve its goal of increasing the number of students who received scholarships in FY 2011-12. This was accomplished as a result of outreach to Connecticut's public school systems in order to increase the pool of applicants for award.

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### How Well Did We Do It?

Number of Scholarships actually awarded in 2011 and expected to be awarded in 2012.



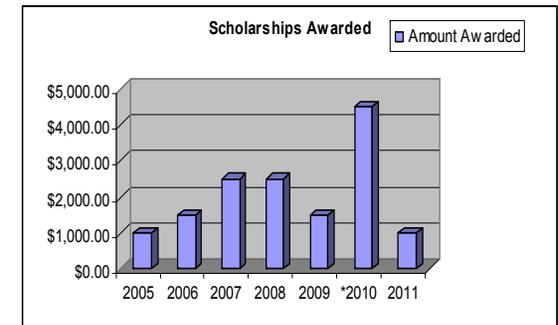
#### Story behind the baseline:

Connecticut is suffering one of the highest educational attainment gaps among under-represented students in the nation. The LPRAC is working to reduce that gap by awarding scholarships for higher education to Hispanic youth. To that end, in 2011, we awarded 11 scholarships of \$1000 each to a total of 15 students. We expect to award about \$3750 each to 20 students in 2012.

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### How Well Did We Do It?

How much was awarded per student since 2005?



#### Story behind the baseline:

The Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission focused on awarding a higher amount of funds every year since 2005. In 2010, when we thought we would not be continuing the program, an attempt at depleting the account gave those particular students the highest award of funding yet - \$4,500 each. We expect to award at least \$3,750 per student in 2012.

**\*\*All funds are raised from outside sources so there is no cost to state for the program.**

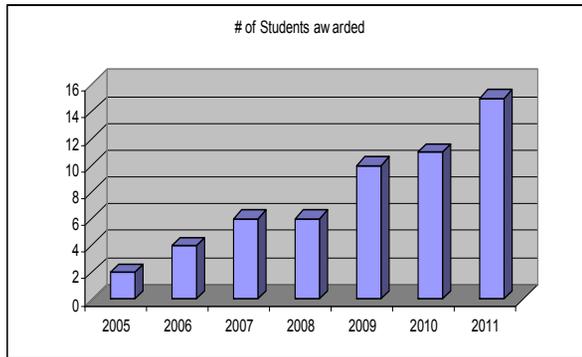
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### Is Anyone Better Off?

**How many students have received award since funds became available to be allotted?**



### Story behind the baseline:

Over 54 students have benefitted from the scholarship awards the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission has undertaken since 2005. The amount of funding awarded has varied between \$1000 in 2005 to as high as \$4,500 in 2010. We reduced the amount awarded in 2011 but increased the number of award recipients. 2011 was the year where we awarded the highest number of students-15. The Special Projects Committee which oversees the Scholarship Awards program will be working to increase the number of students awarded in 2012 to 20 additional students. We are also working to increase the amount of award by \$2750.



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### Proposed Actions to Turn the Curve:

Though the trend is moving toward attainment, we are still undertaking steps to ensure that we continue the upward momentum we currently have in this program.

*Action 1:* Proposing an annual golf tournament to help supplement the funding obtained for scholarship awards.

*Action 2:* Re-designing the application process for 2011-12 nominations in order to capture information that is required of the students upon their selection for award.

*Action 3:* Establishing outreach with collaboration of the State Dept of Education to the school systems in the 169 cities and towns for applicants.

*Action 4:* Agency will work to increase the number of corporate and foundation awards received in order to meet the award goal for 2012.

*Action 5:* Agency will host at least one golf tournament to help generate the funds received towards the 2012 scholarship awards.

### Data Development Agenda:

- 1) Develop a list of potential corporate and foundation funders to help achieve our fundraising goal for 2011-12.
- 2) Upon identification of potential funders, schedule at least 5 to 7 one-on-one meetings with program officers to present the “ask” of their corporation of foundation.
- 3) Begin development of an awardees guide to use in drawing funding support.
- 4) Create a projected budget for the program for the coming year in order to track awards as we receive them and monitor whether we will meet our stated goal.
- 5) Work with staff at the Education Department to identify whether there is an impact on the educational gap as a result of our collective efforts with them and Hispanic youth serving agencies.
- 6) Design a list of Scholarship Awards graduates to highlight their successes since their participation in the LPRAC Scholarship Awards program.
- 7) Track student awardees to determine what percentage remain in college once award is received.
- 8) Design system of tracking how funds awarded are used by the student recipients.
- 9) Design database to track percentage who graduate after receiving award.
- 10) We will release the latest version of the socio economic study in February 2012.